

*Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor*

Whereas, Dedicated public servants have a lasting impact on the future of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Larry Tidemann has served the state of South Dakota for 31 years as a county extension agent, program leader for agriculture, natural resources and field operations, and most recently as director of the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service and Dean of the South Dakota State University College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences; and,

Whereas, Larry has strived to effectively manage and apply the educational resources of the Cooperative Extension Service, often devising creative and innovative methods to extend the knowledge and opportunities of the Land Grant Systems to the people of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Larry has been directly involved in the successes of many extension programs, including efforts to expand rural water in Lincoln County, coordinating South Dakota State University's response to extreme winter weather and flooding, and the AgrAbility Program. For his efforts in the development of the AgrAbility Program, he was presented a Vice Presidential Commendation by Al Gore and U.S. Senator Tim Johnson; and,

Whereas, Larry has received the Gamma Sigma Delta Outstanding Faculty Award for Excellence in 1996, and the F.O. Butler Foundation Award for Excellence in Extension in 1999; and,

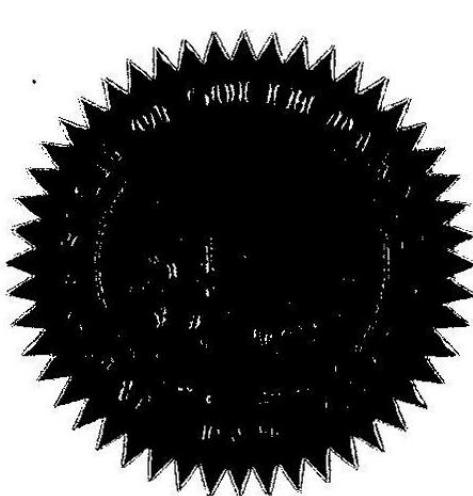
Whereas, Larry has been an advocate of change, and has strengthened the focus of the Cooperative Extension Service:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:




Chris Nelson, Secretary of State